

## The Alma Record

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The conference held in New York between Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and George W. Perkins, Progressive leaders, and Governor Whitman and other prominent Republican party leaders, throws out an inference that before many days an official announcement will be made as to the position taken by Progressive leaders, and especially Mr. Roosevelt, relative to the candidacy of Hon. Charles E. Hughes of New York for the presidency. Although the Colonel remains mum and has expressed surprise as to the demeanor of George W. since the conference with the old party leaders he has on several different occasions allowed statements to drop which show that he will be ready to join the ranks for the good of the party. Meantime while wires are being pulled from all directions to smooth out the trouble, Mr. Hughes, weary from a week of strenuous political activity in New York, returned to his home for a much needed rest prior to the opening of the summer campaign. The nominee's apparent desire to bring Progressives and Republicans into accord is understood to have been the theme of several discussions in New York between Mr. Hughes and Progressive leaders, notably Everett Colby, S. S. McClure and Oscar Straus. The nominee has voiced the sentiment that the interests of both Progressives and Republicans demand that differences should be subordinated and harmony restored before the actual campaign is begun.

What Michigan Progressives will do is a topic that is growing more serious day by day because of the silence maintained by the state leaders. Several states both from the east and west have stated their intentions to return immediately if the Colonel says the word and we are positive that Michigan will not be in the back ground when that important announcement drops from the pen of the Progressive leader.

No least than five collisions occurred on the streets of the city and in the immediate vicinity during the past week, which proves emphatically that more than one person is breaking the ordinances of the city and the laws of the state relative to the careful use of automobiles on the public highways. In every one of the accidents the occupants of the machines escaped without injury, but that does not allow them to escape from the main issue. The officers of the city and county are the men to look after the situation and should do it without hesitation, before accidents occur of a more serious nature which might draw the city into damage suits and court proceedings.

Congress has passed the annual pension bill which carries this year the sum of \$158,065,000 for the relief of the old soldiers and their dependents. This is six millions less than last year which indicates that the pension list has started to decrease on account of the advancing death of survivors of the civil war. When the pension lists during the past fifty years are scanned there is a strong reason found for the great desire on the part of the people of the United States for peace. Preparedness adequately adopted will eliminate the pension bill in the future.

We can't feel very sorry for Mrs. John Jacob Astor any longer, after we hear that she is going to become one of the housewives of the Sugar Trust.

### THE DORT

That the purchaser of an automobile will never have another chance to get so much for his money or to buy so cheaply, is the opinion of M. L. Perrigo who distributes the Dort car. As proof of this sweeping statement, Mr. Perrigo calls the attention to the sturdy, efficient car turned out today as compared with their far less efficient prototypes of a few years ago.

"The cost of motors," says Mr. Perrigo, "has gone up 15 per cent this spring; steel has gone up 70 per cent; tool steel has increased 200 per cent. The cost of radiators has gone up 40 per cent on account of the increase in price of brass and copper; bearing material has increased 20 per cent. White lead has increased 150 per cent and colors from 10 to 300 per cent, and some cannot be obtained at any price. Leather has gone up 25 per cent, mohair for tops, 25 per cent. All these materials enter into the building of an automobile. The manufacturer must have them or go out of business. He is paying these high prices to get them and this extra cost of manufacture must soon enter into the retail price to the consumer."

"Presuming you have the purchase of an automobile in mind, to say that it is a good tip to place your order now, is putting it mildly. You simply cannot afford to delay at all if you expect to own your car at anywhere near present market prices."

Women who are big meat eaters and drink much coffee, usually have coarse flacid skins—your stomach needs extra help; you've got to clean the bowels, purify the blood or your complexion gets bad. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is what you need once a week.—Look-Paterson & Co.—Adv.

### HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

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graduated at Alma high school and a still greater pleasure to know that a majority of the class will pursue their work in higher schools of learning.

Tuesday afternoon the promotion exercises of the eighth grade students were held in the Junior high school room of the Union school at which time 37 students of the eighth grade received their certificates allowing them to continue their work in the high school. The address of the afternoon was given by Prof. Albert P. Cook of Alma college and was filled with good sound advice. Several musical selections by members of the grade and school followed by the presentation of diplomas by Superintendent A. F. Schultz, completed the program.

On Tuesday evening occurred the class day exercises of the Class of 1916 at Wright opera house. "Anne of Old Salem," a very attractive play dealing with the witchcraft craze in Salem, Mass., during the colonial period of our country's history was given. The class have worked hard under the direction of Miss Olive Smith and deserves great credit for the rendition of the various parts. Among amateur plays it equalled any that have been given in the city in many years. The cast was well chosen and in several instances the players showed marked ability. Miss Margaret Breece as Phyllis and Charles Greaser as Rev. Cotton Mather pleased the large audience and brought applause several times during the evening. The part of Ezekiel Brown taken by Dewey Glinkie and Miss Cleo Gill as Ruth, the Quaker, also deserve special mention.

The baccalaureate address was given before the graduating class in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening by the Rev. J. W. Priest, pastor of the First Baptist church. Reverend Priest took as his theme, "Reaching Forth Unto the Things Which are Before." The address in part follows:

"Young people the trend of your school education has been designed to help you reach out to the things before. The things before are in some instances the repetition of the things behind. He makes a mistake who supposes when he passes out of halls of learning that he is through with the things for which the school stood. The school has served its purpose if you recognize it as the place where you began to do something which you are to continue.

"There have been times when men have been more concerned about the expenditure of bodily strength and too little concerned with the proper development and consideration of its powers. Modern education takes account of the body realizing that higher powers can better be exercised by an efficient body. Reach out young people after the things which shall make your body clean and strong. That is one of the prime conditions of forceful living.

"The things before you comprise a new world in whose constructions you may have a worthy heart. The voice of discontent is here persistently heard. Our Utopia we may never reach but our present world does not satisfy us and we must make it over as fast as we can. No man liveth to himself, he touches generations yet unknown. He helps or he hinders many who in turn carry blessings or curses to others. There are three motives that must sway the mind of him who would contribute in any real sense to the making of a new world; to achieve righteousness, to make a success of one's life, to render service to the world.

"I would urge you then to achieve righteousness and I place it first because if you do not you will have no part in the making of a new world. The working out of a righteous social system, and the finding of a basis of international relations which shall forever produce war will fall to the lot of the righteous men and women and the Christian way to righteousness is the only way we know.

"I would urge you to make a success in life. The world requires of you success. The material progress of today is due to the achievements of many men, who have contributed something noteworthy. Our world needs righteous men who are men of action.

"Service is no new word, but in modern times it has a new emphasis. Never before in our history has it been so widely realized that we man and women are here to serve. I would urge you to the things that are ultimately before you. You may reach others sooner or later but do that service that lies nearest you."

### IDLE HOUR THEATRE OPENS

The Idle Hour theatre, which has been under construction for several weeks will open to the public tonight. Manager C. A. Miller announces that the Idle Hour theatre will give to the people of Alma nothing but the best in moving pictures. The feature nights will be Tuesday and Saturday when the famous Paramount features will be thrown on the screen. Monday, Wednesday and Friday the Pathe films will be shown. Every Thursday evening five reel Metro features will make the programs very attractive. Manager Miller will also have the weekly news pictures depicting recent events of interest. These will be on the program every Wednesday.

Beginning next Monday the famous serial, "Neal of the Navy" will commence.

### ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Gov. Ferris Designates June 29 and 30 as Road Bee Day

On June 4th and 5th, 1914 and June 10th and 11th, 1915, Road Bee Days were observed in Michigan. Much good to the rural highways was accomplished on these days, the amount of good depending entirely upon the efforts put forth in the various communities. Bad weather interfered seriously with work the first year and many complaints were received that the dates set were too early. In many neighborhoods Road Bee Days were observed later. This being a proverbially "late season," the time has been set "after planting" and "before harvest" in the hope that good weather may prevail and the opportunity time selected.

During the past year road building sentiment in Michigan has grown rapidly. The legislature of 1915 passed some of the most progressive highway laws ever enacted in Michigan. These were followed by the largest cash appropriations ever made for state road purposes, the appropriations for two years, including the state's portion of the automobile taxes, aggregating three millions of dollars. Already under the Assessment District Road act, petitions have been filed with the various County Road commissioners and the State Highway commissioners for more than one thousand miles of road which will cost more than five millions of dollars to build.

In the aggregate the road taxes assessed last fall by the state, counties and townships, amounted to \$9,164,000. Many personal donations were made which would make a grand total expended on the highways of the state last year, approximately \$10,000,000.

The mileage of state reward roads completed was the greatest on record. If connected they would make more than three continuous lines across the state from the Ohio line to the Straits of Mackinaw.

But notwithstanding this apparently satisfactory progress in substantial road building, there are thousands of miles of neighborhood roads which need attention, not alone annually but almost constantly throughout the season. Good churches and good rural schools are impossible without good roads, and all call for a live community interest in a well organized system of maintenance.

Knowing that well kept public wagon roads are vital to the moral and physical well being of every community, and that the people of Michigan are anxious to extend the work of road improvement so as to include all of our road mileage, and believing that specially appointed road days are a great stimulus to the work, I Woodbridge N. Ferris, Governor of Michigan, do ask that the people of the State of Michigan set apart Thursday and Friday, June 29th and 30th, 1916, as "Road Bee Days," and so far as possible turn out and work under such competent supervision as may be available on the highways of the state in such manner as shall be most conducive to their betterment.

### EUROPE AWAITS RESULTS

Think Mevican Situation Will Bring the End

The situation in the European war zone remains about the same this week although the French and Germans both claim additional gains in the vicinity of Verdun.

The Austrian army of General Pflanzer, about 80,000 men, has been cut off from Austrian forces and cornered by the Russians according to dispatches sent out from Petrograd. The army retired to the westward.

The correspondents along the eastern frontier point to the fighting in that locality as crucial in its nature. The Germans are assisting the Austrians there in an attempt to check the determined drive of the Russians for certain important railroad centers.

All Germany awaits with eager expectation dispatches from Berlin state future developments in the trouble now brewing between Mexico and the United States. There has been very little actual news sent throughout Germany owing to the British censor's pencil, but short dis-

patches have reached the people by way of Amsterdam and have been printed on the front pages of all the papers to the effect that the national guard of all the states has been called out.

Nothing not even the reports concerning the Russian defense against the Austrians is more eagerly awaited by the Berlin editors than news from this country relative to the Mexican situation. Nothing would be received with greater joy by the German officials as well as the common people than the word that war had broken out between the United States and Mexico.

It is the subject of considerable conversation according to reports from Berlin that as soon as war breaks out with the Carranza government, if such a crisis arrives, that the shipment of arms and ammunition to the allies will be suddenly cut short. With the allies cut off from these shipments according to Berlin it would be a matter of only a few months before the war situation at every point would be altered.

### FARMER'S CLUB MEETS

The June meeting of the Arcadia Farmer's club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crist, one mile west of Alma, on Thursday the 29th. The entertainment will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Crist, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Peck. One of the big attractions of this meeting will be the big picnic dinner at the Crist home. The following program will be given:

Opening song by the Club  
Prayer ..... Rev. Priest  
Song by the Club  
Address of Welcome ..... Mr. Crist  
Reading ..... Mrs. Priest  
Recitation ..... Mrs. G. V. Wright  
Reading ..... Mrs. John Fink  
Music ..... Mr. G. V. Wright  
Recitation ..... Miss Marjorie Bilsdon  
Reading ..... Mrs. H. S. Smith  
Song ..... Miss Mable Crist  
Recitation ..... Rev. Priest  
Music ..... Miss Laura Amshury  
Recitation ..... Thelma and Zelma Isham  
Music ..... Misses Waiber and Amshury  
Closing song by the Club.

The program committee for this meeting consisted of Mrs. G. Fink, Mrs. F. Cline, Mrs. F. Rockerfellow and Mrs. C. Burton.

The committee are very glad to announce that in all probability Mr. J. M. McBride, state organizer, will be present to address the club.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised list for week ending June 19th, 1916.  
Earnie Dunkel  
Viola Gardner  
Mrs. Lorenzo D. Harnis  
Mrs. Anson McCracken  
Mr. J. M. Munson  
Mrs. M. Randall  
Mrs. Rainey  
Mr. William H. Stevens  
Mrs. Francis M. Tower  
Mr. B. O. Wright.  
The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office July 3rd, 1916.  
V. P. Cash, Postmaster.

### MARKET REPORT

Following are the prices paid by the Alma Grain & Lumber Company mill, June 22.

Red wheat	.....\$1.02
Wheat white	.....97
Oats	.....37
Beans	.....4.25
Barley, cwt.	.....1.15
Rye	.....83
Corn, ear	.....35
Buckwheat, cwt.	.....1.60

**CATTLE MARKET**  
Fat cattle .....\$4 and \$7.00  
Fat calves .....7 to \$9.00  
Fat Lambs .....7 to \$9.00  
Prime hogs .....\$9.00  
Pigs .....\$7.50 to \$7.75  
Dressed hogs .....\$12.50  
No. 1 Chickens .....15  
Butter .....32 and 26c  
Eggs .....19 and 21c

## BUSINESS CARDS

**Dr. L. G. Beshgetoor**  
**DENTIST**

Tel. 32-3R. Merchant's Realty Bldg.  
ALMA, MICH.

**Thomas J. Carney, M. D.**

Merchants' Realty Building  
Office Hours: 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.; 2 to 4 p. m.; 7 to 8 p. m.; Sundays 11 to 12 a. m.  
Alma, Michigan

## FIRE INSURANCE

**John D. Spinney, Agent**

**Mark L. Spinney, Clerk**  
Room Pollasky Bldg. Union Phone 85

## FIRE INSURANCE

**ROWLAND & JOHNSON**  
RETHEL CUMMINGS, Clerk  
Office Over Chick's Shoe Store  
F. H. ROWLAND Real Estate D. L. JOHNSON Attorney

**F. C. THORNBURGH, M. D.**

309 State St.  
Office Hours, 1 to 4:30 p. m. and 7 to 8 p. m.  
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## Registered Optometrist

Your eyes carefully tested and fitted  
119 SUPERIOR ST. ALMA, MICH.



## J. E. Converse

**OPTOMETRIST**

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Up-to-date Fitting Room. Modern Instruments.  
106 East Superior St.

## Modern Dentistry

Bridge work that eludes detection and the displaying of gold. Removable and sanitary bridges. Painless method for preparing the teeth for crowns and bridges.

Let me show you.

Graduate of University of Michigan.

Sixteen years of practice.

**Dr. Fred A. Gill**

POLLASKY BLOCK  
Over Rhodes' Drug Store

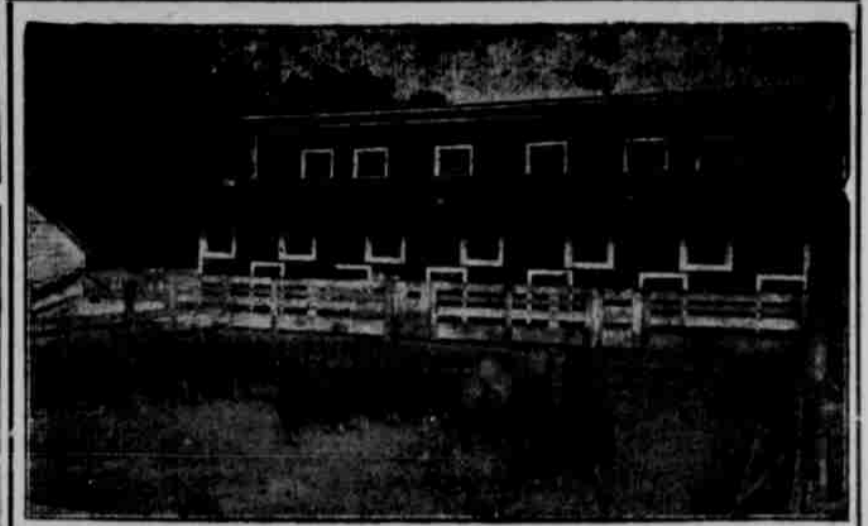
## Cream Station

We have installed an outfit for testing cream at our store and will pay the highest market price for butter fat.

Don't ask your wife to make the butter, but sell us your cream. Our tests are open to your inspection and we guarantee satisfaction.

## Forest Hill Elevator Co.

Forest Hill



## There Is Big Money in Hogs

if we may judge by the reports we hear from some of the most successful hog breeders.

The farm papers are continually reporting cases of successful breeders and raisers from all parts of the north-west and they are showing the outfits where some of this big money is made.

How does your plant compare with some of those shown in the farm papers you take? Do you think your hog outfit is what it should be to make the most money?

If you want to improve your plant and want plans or ideas for the best that can be built come and see what we can do for you in that line as well as in material.

No charge for ideas or plans.

Make this a big hog profit year on your farm.

## Home Lumber & Fuel Co.

## Quality and Quantity

Two qualifications worth looking into:

**New Line of House Aprons**

**50 cent Values**

**Large Line of Ladie's Summer**

**Hats 50c to \$1.00**

The largest line of Homer Laughlin Ware and Fine China in Alma, at prices sold for, before the advance in price.

## WELCH

The Bazaar Man

## Prepare for a Sane 4th and spend it in Alma

No matter whether you like a wild and hilarious 4th, or prefer not to take chances with life and limb, new clothes are an essential part of the celebration.

When buying a suit for the 4th, a selection from our splendid display of

**FITFORM Clothes for Young Men**

Will mark an act of common sane-ness.

**\$15---\$18---\$20---\$25**

COME IN BEFORE THE 4th.

New Silk Shirts--Panamas--White Serge Trousers this week.

## SLATER & GOODES

**MEN'S WEAR**  
**FITFORM IS GOOD FORM**  
(Ready-to-put-on)

